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prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced sir: application as follows:

please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of IN THE CLAIMS the subject matter thereof.

please add new claims 2-1 as follows:

In a computer system having a plurality of computers connected to each other and a plurality of shared memory devices, each of said plurality of shared memory devices being coupled to one of said plurality of computers, each of said plurality of computers comprising:

a processor for issuing a request to said plurality of shared memory devices; and